

**SPEECH PRESENTED BY THE CHAIRMAN WESTERN EDUCATION
COMMITTEE, MUSLIM COMMUNITY CENTRE, ON THE OCCASION OF
BOOK PRESENTATION TO THE FOU'AD LABABIDI ISLAMIC ACADEMY
BY THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION U.S.A. EMBASSY
TO NIGERIA ON 12TH DECEMBER, 2007**

The Deputy Chief of mission

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On behalf of the Chairman, and the entire members of the Muslim Community Centre, I have the singular honor and privilege to welcome your Excellency the Deputy Chief of Mission of the embassy of the United States of America, to our humble institution.

This humble but by all standards great academic institution was established in 1995 by the Muslim Community Centre, Wuse - Abuja.

Among others, this school was established with the aim of offering the highest quality modern secondary education blended with Islamic knowledge and awareness to enable our students pursue their academic and professional careers, both in the sciences and the humanities, with a good understanding of their rights and obligations as Muslims responsible to Allah (SWT) and the general society.

Your Excellency, permit me to remark that since the school's inception, we have never relaxed in our uncompromising and rigorous pursuit of academic

excellence. Our records bear eloquent testimony to this. We are therefore not surprised that the Academy rings a bell in the academic circles of not only the FCT but the country as a whole.

It is in the light of our unrelenting quest for academic excellence that we view your magnanimous book donation as a most welcome development. This donation will afford us opportunity to know more about our kith and kin in the Diaspora and the contributions *they* are making towards the general development in America and upliftment of humanity in general.

On behalf of the Academy in particular and the entire Muslim Community Centre, I wish to express our sincere and deep gratitude to your Excellency and the American government for this generous gesture. We wish to assure you that the confidence you have displayed in us by making us one of the 60 beneficiaries of your book donating scheme in the Northern Nigeria will never be misplaced or abused. We will make a most judicious use of these books.

Once again, on behalf of the Muslim Community Centre, I say thanks a million and may God bless you abundantly.

Thank you.